

I live in the Pittsburgh area. Sinclair Broadcasting owns 2 over-the-air stations in my community. I wish to speak out against Sinclair's decision to force these stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary.

In an effort to side step your rules of fair time and public interest, Sinclair has offered a panel show to Senator Kerry which presumably would take place after the airing of the movie. I don't believe this offer falls under the regulations the FCC has stood by since its inception.

To invite a candidate to respond to your attack programming seems only to be a sinister attempt to boost viewership. Which station wouldn't want one of the candidates all to themselves for an evening? Should the FCC stand by while a company tries to coerce a candidate into appearing on their airwaves?

This is not akin to Ross Perot, a candidate himself, buying time to air his views. This is a private media company which is bound to the rules and regulations they agreed to follow when they accepted their FCC license. A company who has agreed to serve the public interest needs to be held up to that edict.

Thank you for considering the views of a consumer of the public airwaves.

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